

Introduced by Senator Chesbro

February 22, 2002

An act to add Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 6250) to Part 1 of Division 6 of the Public Resources Code, relating to navigation projects.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1817, as introduced, Chesbro. Federal navigation projects.

Existing law establishes the Department of Boating and Waterways in the Resources Agency under the administration of the Director of Boating and Waterways.

This bill would create the Federal Navigation Project Fund and would require that all state funds appropriated for the purposes of federal navigation projects authorized pursuant to the federal Water Resources Development Act be deposited in that fund. The bill would authorize the Director of Boating and Waterways to allocate moneys in the fund, if he or she finds that the allocation is in the best interests of the state, to local governmental entities to provide matching funds for those federal navigation projects in an amount not to exceed 50% of the amount contributed by those entities for those projects.

This bill would require the director to complete an evaluation and ranking of state port and harbor dredge projects that have been approved for federal funding, as specified.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. This act shall be known, and may be cited, as the California Port and Harbor Assistance and Infrastructure Act.

SEC. 2. Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 6250) is added to Part 1 of Division 6 of the Public Resources Code, to read:

CHAPTER 3.5. FEDERAL NAVIGATION PROJECTS

6250. (a) All state funds appropriated for the purposes of federal navigation projects authorized pursuant to the federal Water Resources Development Act shall be deposited in the Federal Navigation Project Fund, which is hereby created. The Director of Boating and Waterways shall allocate the moneys in the fund pursuant to subdivision (d).

(b) The director shall complete an evaluation and ranking of state port and harbor dredge projects that have been approved for federal funding under the federal Water Resources Development Act.

(c) The evaluation of the projects shall include a determination whether the project is in the best interests of the state, a review of the overall viability and effectiveness of the projects, and a recommendation as to the appropriate levels of state and local financial participation. Upon the application of any port or harbor district, the director shall include in its evaluation any federally approved harbor dredge project.

(d) If federal funds are appropriated for purposes of federal navigation projects pursuant to the federal Water Resources Development Act, the director may allocate moneys in the Federal Navigation Project Fund, if he or she finds that the allocation is in the best interests of the state as determined pursuant to subdivision (c), to local governmental entities for use by those entities as part of the local matching share required by federal law for those projects in an amount not to exceed 50 percent of the amount contributed by those entities for those projects.